

ies of meetings at each place during the winter. The meetings at Middle Branch were held during January, which have been reported. On the 22nd of February I began a series of meetings at Fairview, and continued them until March 26th, and altho we had rain, snow, mud and dark nights, we had a good attendance and interest thru-out the meetings, which resulted in nine accessions, and a general good feeling existed among all and every body felt that the meetings were a success, considering that we had been rained out five nights and that Brother Tombaugh had thirty-eight accessions a year ago at this place, manifest that there is a live congregation at Fairview that are not afraid to work. The result of both meetings being nineteen, fifteen by baptism and four by relation. At our business meeting at Fairview, on March 25, the church granted brother Wert Dyer the privilege to exercise in the ministry of the church. We have been called to serve those congregations the coming year. We held a very enjoyable love feast communion service at Fairview, on Saturday evening, May 20th. Large crowd, good attendance of members and we feel that the outlook for the work at those places is very encouraging.

We have elected delegates to State Conference for both churches and will do our part in making the conference a success in that particular, and hope that all the congregations in that state will do the same. I feel like the little girl generally says when she writes for the paper, that I will close for this time, and if this escapes the waste basket I will write again.

ISAAC ROSS.

Roanoke, Va.

You will accept a bit of news from the Virginia battle field bearing on the movements of our separated brethren, the German Baptists.

The great conference is blazing brilliantly. Its light, arc and incandescent, encompasses and baptizes our beautiful city with swelling flood-tides of spiritual splendor. From all parts of our community, multitudes of the quaintly garbed brethren pour, literally pour out of the long trains, over the platform of the union depot, thru the avenues of the city to the beautiful grounds where the conference buildings are located. The doors of the hospitable homes of our people are wide open and the visitors are enjoying to its fullest extent a most bounteous welcome. Weary with thousands of miles of travel, they hail with delight the luxury of dainty downy beds, draped balconies, piazzas and lawns. The sombre clad lords of the Western prairies, and the up-to-date lads and lassies of the cities indiscriminately feast on the banquet of good things that nature and art have so richly provided for them in our most beautiful Virginia city. Roanoke will be embalmed in the hearts of thousands to whom heretofore it was only a geographical point.

This is my first A. M. experience since

Hagerstown, 1891. I used to enjoy them immensely. It is "just the same today" only my role is different. Then I was on the program and I helped to make the history of the brotherhood of that day. By some oversight or no sight at all I am not in requisition, but all the same I am running a branch of the social department to the best of my small ability. I was appointed to this service by the divine command, that of loving the brethren, and I enjoy it ever so much. This night we sheltered under our roof-tree, prim and straight laced saints from Missouri, champions of the ancient faith from the battle fields of western Pennsylvania, up-to-date damsels from the classic lawns and bowers and halls of Juniatta College, and a charming coterie of college trainers, raw recruits, (concerning the Order) from Waynesboro, Pa. What would happen if some of our Virginia elders could get a swipe at these innocent children of the cross. What a feast of discipline, chastisement and expulsion would ensue.

It is with the sweetest pleasure that I greet the brethren with whom I used to walk "when we were agreed" The temperature of this greeting, as it is reflected, varies considerably. With some a frost, a killing frost, has nipped the growing, delicate shrub of brotherly love and only a decaying mass of leaves remain. With others a brother's kiss, warm and rich with fragrant love is offered free as the love of God. What great hearts our Father has given to some of his children! How narrow is the horizon that bounds the spiritual vision of so many of the saints of the Lord, and how the dazzling glory of God's *all embracing* love, which pours in rushing floods out of the never-failing fountain, is obscured by the dark shades with which we enshroud the windows of our souls.

I will give you something next week on the *personnel* of the conference.

D. C. MOOMAW.

New Troy, Mich.

Regular business meeting was held here May 20, after which two persons were baptized. Confirmation same evening prior to the communion service. Our communion service was a pleasant and we hope a profitable occasion to all who participated. Good will seemed to be the prevailing sentiment.

Here is as interesting a Sunday-school as it has ever been my lot to attend. Brother English superintends the Sunday-school and one can not but be helped by being present. Young People's work here is also in a flour-

ishing condition. Regular services over last Lord's day were well attended. When work moves along as here it is surely a pleasure to serve a people as pastor. Our work here is gaining strength and my hope and prayer is that this church may so grow as to be a mighty power in days to come in drawing souls unto the Saviour. May God bless his people everywhere.

WH. H. MILLER.

North Manchester, Ind.

Astoria, Ill.

Once more we were made to rejoice by hearing gospel alone sermons in Astoria, it being five years this August since we had services here, Brother Hazlet preaching at that time. This time we listened to Brother Talley, who arrived in our town on May 1st, and gave us nine interesting gospel sermons which were very much appreciated and altho the weather was bad and crowds small yet we feel greatly encouraged. Three came out on the Lord's side and were baptized and others I think are nearer the kingdom than they were before.

At the close of our last service a business meeting was held, electing a minister and deacon. We now number eleven at Astoria and I think can do much good if we will only work and give our time to the religion of Jesus Christ as we profess and have been taught. We do so much need a church of our faith in Astoria, as I think this a good field to build up a Progressive Brethren church. Brother Talley is a true worker in the gospel alone doctrine and knows how to go about it to bring souls to Christ. May he ever prosper in the vineyard of the Lord.

MRS. E. A. SNOWDEN.

Ashland, Ohio

On Sunday eve, May 21, the brethren and sisters of the Ashland church observed the communion service as practiced by the Brethren. We had a good attendance and a very pleasant meeting.

We had a very large congregation in the morning at our regular service. Our congregations here are never very large. This was, I think, the largest congregation present since my present pastorate began.

In the afternoon two young men were baptized. They came fourteen miles to unite with the people of their choice. This is the result of good home training. Sister Harper is not only a faithful Christian but a good mother. Many of our members live quite a distance from Ashland but at the communion service we can always expect them.

J. ALLEN MILLER.

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